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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. – 75. (Canceled)

76. (New) A method of recording information on a recording medium including a user data area in which user data can be erased or recorded, and a management area in which management information is recorded, said user data area including a recording-limited area in which recording is physically possible but is logically limited, said method comprising the steps of:

canceling a recording limit for said recording-limited area by playing back predetermined information that is pre-recorded in said recording-limited area; and

recording new user data in said recording-limited area for which said recording limit has been canceled.

77. (New) A recording method according to Claim 76, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area

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impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises a step of recording allocation information for said recording-limited area in said recording medium.

78. (New) A recording method according to Claim 76, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and the step of canceling the recording limit comprises a step of recording said allocation information for said recording-limited area on software.

79. (New) A recording method according to Claim 76, further comprising the steps of: issuing an instruction to record information to said recording medium prior to the canceling of said recording limit; and

issuing an instruction to display predetermined information in response to the recording instruction being issued.

80. (New) A recording method according to Claim 79, wherein said pre-recorded information is an advertisement.

81. (New) A recording method according to claim 76, wherein said predetermined information is recorded in said recording medium.

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82. (New) A recording method according to claim 76, wherein said predetermined information is recorded on software.

83. (New) A recording method according to claim 76, wherein said predetermined information is displayed via an external information distribution means.

84. (New) A recording method according to Claim 76, wherein the recording limit limits recording by rendering an ID error detection code of address information for said recording-limited area inconsistent with an ID corresponding to said ID error detection code, and the canceling of the recording limit is performed by rendering said ID error detection code thus made inconsistent, to be consistent with said ID.

85. (New) A recording method according to Claim 76, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible, and wherein allocation information is erased by erasing predetermined information.

86. (New) A method of recording information on a recording medium including a user data area in which user data can be erased or recorded, and a management area in which management information is recorded

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wherein said user data area includes a recording-limited area in which recording is physically possible but is logically limited, and information about the position of said recording-limited area is recorded in said user data area in an encrypted form, said method comprising the steps of:

decrypting said information about the position that is in encrypted form by predetermined software; and

recording new information in said recording-limited area for which a recording limit has been canceled.

87. (New) A recording method according to Claim 86, wherein said recording-limited area is allocated in a distributed manner in a user area of said recording medium.

88. (New) A recording medium comprising:  
a user data area in which user data can be erased or recorded; and  
a management area in which management information is recorded,  
wherein said user data area includes a recording-limited area in which predetermined information is pre-recorded and in which recording is physically possible but is logically limited, and  
said recording limit is canceled in response to reading said predetermined information.

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89. (New) A recording medium according to claim 88, wherein the recording limit is provided by rendering a read-out of allocation information for said recording-limited area impossible.

90. (New) A recording medium according to claim 89, wherein said predetermined information and said allocation information are recorded at the same time.

91. (New) A recording medium according to claim 88, wherein said predetermined information is an advertisement.